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Inspection Report

Minerals Regulatory Program

Date Submitted: **03/31/2015**

Reviewed 

Mine Name: BMC Seep Ridge Road	Permit Number: S/47/0119	Permit Fees: Delinquent
Operator Name: Blue Mtn Crushing	Inspection Date: 03/31/2015	Bond Amount: \$62,200.00
Inspector(s): A. Abate	Time: 9:30 AM	Bond Escalation: 7/27/2015
Others:	Mine Status: Abandoned	

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages/Erosion Control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Reclamation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Revegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Purpose of Inspection

SITLA canceled lease on November 30, 2014. The bond company also canceled bond due to lack of payment. Cessation Order MC-2014-60-07 was issued on October 29, 2014 requiring reclamation by November 2014. A fine assessment letter was issued to the operator on January 7, 2015 in the amount of \$396. The assessment was not appealed and the fine has not been paid to date. The purpose of the inspection was to determine if any reclamation has been done per CO 2014-60-07.

Inspection Summary

Mine has not been reclaimed. A minimum of 5.5 acres of disturbance is present. The mine is located on the east side of Seep Ridge Road between the PR Springs man camp and the new PR Springs processing facility. A large pad area is present as you drive into the mine. A highwall area has been mined out and piles of rock have been pushed up in piles of rubble. No stockpile of topsoil was observed, although it appeared that topsoil was pushed toward the margins of the mine boundary as berms around the eastern side of the mine. A stockpile of crushed rock is present on the south end of the permit area.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The operator has failed to replace the surety bond and has failed to reclaim the mine in accordance with CO 60-2014-02. The site is now considered abandoned. As per the Division letter sent to the operator on August 13, 2014, the Division should submit a request to withdraw the permit to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining and carry out the terms of the surety bond. Consult with SITLA and perhaps Uintah County regarding the crushed rock stockpile. Could the material be hauled off the site as part of reclamation activities if the Division ends up forfeiting the bond?

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Overview of the mine facing southwest. Graded pad is shown where the mine entry was located off Seep Ridge Road.



View of the active mine area facing north. Rock has been pushed up in piles.



Topsoil appears to have been pushed toward the east and forms a berm to the east of the permit area. View looking southeast.



A stockpile of crushed rock was located on the southern end of the permit area adjacent to Seep Ridge Road.